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The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

Agenda item 91: Macroeconomic policy questions (*continued*)

(a) Trade and development (*continued*)

Draft resolution on international trade and development (*A/C.2/53/L.26*)

1. **Ms. Djatmiko-Singgih** (Indonesia), introducing the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, said that the Group of 77 and China recognized the importance of the expansion of international trade as an engine of growth and development and, in that context, the urgent need for expeditious and complete integration of developing countries into the international trading system. The draft resolution was deliberately short, at the risk of losing many important and hard-won paragraphs, in order to highlight the real and immediate problems of developing countries and identify priorities in the trade liberalization process. She drew attention to an editorial change in paragraph 14 and appealed to Committee members to support the draft resolution.

Agenda item 94: Environment and sustainable development (*continued*)

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21 (*continued*)

Draft resolution on the implementation of commitments undertaken at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly (A/C.2/53/L.25)

2. **Mr. Hapsoro** (Indonesia), introducing the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, noted the significance of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, and of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21. Stressing the importance of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, adopted at the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly, and of the next comprehensive review of the implementation of Agenda 21, to be carried out in the year 2002, he appealed to all Committee members to support the draft resolution.

3. **Ms. Krishna** (India), coordinator of the negotiations on the draft resolution, said that its focus was on the follow-up to the Rio Conference and the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly, not only because of their contribution to international cooperation on the environment and development but also because the latter had been the first in a series of reviews of the major global conferences of the 1990s. The Group of 77 and China attached the greatest importance to Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the special session, to which the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly could give further impetus.

4. The draft resolution was short and focused on the need for thorough preparations for the next review in the year 2002 through, in particular, the submission of an annual analytical report that would provide an overview of activities carried out by Governments and by the United Nations system to implement Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the nineteenth special session. It was hoped that such a report would help to identify constraints on that process and lead to the formulation of recommendations on overcoming them. The preparations must fully take into account the deliberations of the Commission on Sustainable Development under its multi-year programme of work. The Group of 77 and China looked forward to working closely with their partners in order to revive the spirit that had prevailed during the Rio Conference, particularly in the deliberations on Agenda 21, and during the nineteenth special session.

The meeting rose at 10.35 a.m.